



TERM 1 2023

Fri 24 March		Ride2School Day
Thu 02 March		District Swimming
Thu 30 March		Regional Swimming
Wed 05 April	2.15pm-3.30pm	Family Mathematics Afternoon - All Welcome!
Thu 06 April	2.30pm	Last Day Term 1 (Please note early dismissal - 2.30pm)

TERM 2 2023

Mon 24 April		STUDENT FREE DAY
Tue 25 April		Anzac Day Public Holiday
Wed 26 April		Students Commence Term 2
Thu 04 May		APS Fun Run
Mon 15 May		Education Week - "Active Learners: Move, Make, Motivate"
Wed 17 May		APS OPEN DAY
Fri 19 May		STUDENT FREE DAY - Common Professional Practice Day
Mon 12 June		King's Birthday Public Holiday
Fri 23 June	2.30pm	Last Day Term 2 (Please note early dismissal - 2.30pm)

TERM 3 2023

Mon 10 July		STUDENT FREE DAY
Tue 11 July		Students Commence Term 3
Tues 18 July - 21 July		Ski Camp (Tuesday - Friday)
Fri 15 Sept	2.30pm	Last Day Term 3 (Please note early dismissal - 2.30pm)

TERM 4 2023

Mon 2 October		Students Commence Term 4
Thu 26 October		Prep - Year 1 Concert TBC
Mon 6 November		STUDENT FREE DAY
Tue 7 November		Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Mon 4 December		Year 6 Camp
Wed 20 December	1.30pm	Last Day Term 4 (Please note early dismissal - 1.30pm)

NB: Please check Compass for all dates/times including excursions and incursions. All dates are subject to change.

School Council approved 'Student Free Days' in 2023.

Monday 24 April (day before ANZAC day and is the first day of term 2)

Friday 19 May (Common Professional Practice Day)

Monday 10 July (first day of term 3)

Monday 6 November (day before Cup Day).

3-Way Conference Day TBC (August)

Commitment to Child Safety.

Alphington Primary School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people.

This will be the primary focus of our care and decision-making.

Alphington Primary School has zero tolerance for child abuse.

Alphington Primary School is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives.

Particular attention will be paid to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability.

If there are any concerns or questions regarding Child Safety procedures, please see Melissa Mackenzie or Shane Wilkie

Our Child Safe Policy and our commitment and code of conduct is available on the website.

Principal Update – Melissa Mackenzie

We are celebrating Harmony week with a range of activities this week. We also finished our NAPLAN testing this week with congratulations to the year 3 and 5 students who completed the tests with confidence and persistence. This week we also held the first School Council meeting with the newly formed council. The first meeting was to elect the office bearers and I would like to congratulate Matt Cobby on becoming President, Lisa Godhino on becoming Vice President, Gareth Brodie for continuing as the Treasurer and Thilini Ratnayake for becoming the Secretary. We also welcome Erin Ward as the co-opted community member of the Council. We congratulate this group and look forward to working with the Council across the year.

The Annual Report to the Community was presented last night. The report is a reflection of 2022 and looks at Learning, Wellbeing and Engagement and a few highlights from the year. The reports also gives a snapshot of the schools financial position. All in all, APS has extremely high student data, with high parent satisfaction and high attendance. We are also in a strong financial position. This report was endorsed by School Council and will be endorsed by the Education Department and then undergo a quality assurance before it becomes a public document which is placed on our school website.

The AFL season has begun and with this we are having to remind students about kicking footballs on the turf. All of the students will be reminded in assembly, and we will work with the older students to formalise the 'rules' of playing footy on the turf. Please support us with conversations about football at school and that there is NO tackling in school football. While playing on the turf we expect that the game will only involve 'low and slow' kicks and be respectful of all the students who are trying to play in this space. This is a problem that will be presented to SRC for their ideas and possible solutions.

Have a lovely week.

Melissa Mackenzie
Principal

Assistant Principal Update – Shane Wilkie

Welcome to week 8. 11 days of Term 1 left.

APS Family Mathematics Afternoon

Wednesday 5 April 2:15-3:30

2:15-2:40: Maths @ APS Introduction

2:45-3:25: Visit your child/ren's classroom and join in with a mathematics lesson

You are invited to attend our 2023 Family Mathematics Afternoon.

On Wednesday 5 April we will be holding an open mathematics afternoon so families can learn a bit more about the teaching of mathematics.

The afternoon will commence with an introduction to Maths @ APS on Level 1 of the Main Administration building. During this session we will outline how we teach mathematics with a couple of little tasks thrown in.

Following the introduction session, families will be invited to visit classrooms and join in with a mathematics lesson. The purpose of this is for families to get involved with their children solving mathematical problems.

We look forward to seeing you.

Mathematics @ APS

Alphington Primary School is committed to developing a community of curious and skilled mathematicians. Our aim is to provide a rich, challenging and differentiated teaching and learning program that facilitates strong mathematical content knowledge across the Victorian Curriculum strands; *Number and Algebra*, *Measurement and Geometry* and *Statistics and Probability*, and develops the four Mathematics capabilities; *understanding, fluency, reasoning, and problem-solving*.

The mathematics curriculum aims to ensure that students:

- develop useful mathematical and numeracy skills for everyday life, work and as active and critical citizens in a technological world,

- see connections and apply mathematical concepts, skills and processes to pose and solve problems in mathematics and in other disciplines and contexts,
- acquire specialist knowledge and skills in mathematics that provide for further study in the discipline,
- appreciate mathematics as a discipline – its history, ideas, problems and applications, aesthetics and philosophy.

Each Maths lesson provides the opportunity for students to learn, develop and enhance mathematical knowledge and capabilities through practise, explicit teaching, exploration and analysis. Each stage is integral in the facilitation of an effective and engaging lesson.

The Maths lesson Sequence

1. Number Fluency – an opportunity for students to become proficient in knowledge and understanding. This could be a game to build timetables, a number talk to explore place value, or rapid recall of facts.
2. Launch – teachers introduce and model new mathematical learning. This may include shared learning experiences, such as solving a problem or working through a sequence of steps to identify patterns and generalisations.
3. Explore – students working independently, cooperatively or collaboratively to apply their new learning in a range of situations. During this phase teachers will differentiate the learning tasks with enablers and extenders to support each individual learners' needs.
4. Summarise (Plenary) – Students and the teacher come together to synthesise the learning from the lesson and pose new questions or problems.

NAPLAN Online: We have successfully completed our 2023 NAPLAN assessment period. A big congratulations to all students and teachers for ensuring the week of assessments ran smoothly with only the necessary disruptions to the normal timetable. Results for the assessments will become available some time in Term 2. It is a bit of a process in receiving results, with high level school data provided prior to individual reports being sent to the school and distributed to families.

Harmony Day: This week we celebrated Harmony Day to celebrate the diversity of our school. Students took part in a range of activities focusing on inclusivity and ensure a sense of connectedness and belonging. We will acknowledge Harmony Day at assembly on Friday with a secret presentation also planned, so if you're available to attend please do.



Ride2School Day - Friday 24 March: National Ride2School Day is Australia's biggest celebration of active travel. It is a day full of fun and colour where students, teachers and parents discover the joy of riding and kick-start healthy habits for the future. APS is a strong cycling community with a significant number of students and staff regularly riding to school. We look forward to seeing the bike racks overflowing this Friday. Please remember to ride safely and follow road rules.

Have a great week everyone!
 Shane Wilkie - Assistant Principal

Channel 4 News Launches!

Hello parents and guardians,
This is Channel 4 News. It will be updated most weeks on the fun things that are going on here in Year 4. Last week our top event was...

Chess Fest

Written by April, Florence and Clementine 4B

Last Thursday, Year 4 students played against each other up until lunch and it was loads of fun.

Leading up to this amazing day classes 4BM and 4C have learnt the rules, pieces and moves of this game. Now they're experts. On the day, silver chess pieces were handed out to lucky recipients... as well as medals and trophies. There were bronze, silver and gold medals and even two shiny trophies. These prizes were awarded to students who won mountains of games.



The bronze winners were Grace P, Max, Sam, Liam, Carter, Harry, Toby, Jessica, Oscar and Finn. The silver winners were Gus, Olivia, Claudia and Jayden. In first place was...

Augie, Edie, Ben B and Jasmina. But finally, the biggest winners overall were...

JORDI AND SOPHIE!

They received dazzling trophies.

We hope you enjoyed the first edition of Channel 4 News. Hope you are excited for the next article!

Ride2School Day – Friday 24 March

April and James – Year 4

Next Friday the 24th of March is National Ride to School Day.

National Ride2School Day is Australia's biggest celebration of active travel and one of the best days on the school calendar. It is a day full of fun and colour where students, teachers and parents discover the joy of riding and kick-start healthy habits for the future.

We encourage everyone to cycle, skate, scoot, walk or catch public transport to school on the day. Year 4 students will visit each class to collect data on how students and teachers got to school so we can measure and compare how much active travel is taking place at APS.

We will award a prize to the most active class with the highest percentage of people, including teachers, who get to school without using their cars!

We look forward to seeing everyone actively travelling to school on Friday the 24th. Have a wheelie great Ride2School Day!



Canteen tomorrow – Thursday 22nd March

Items prices between 50c and \$1.50

Moosies, Frozen Fruit Cups, Zooper Doopers and Crisps

Fairfield Primary School is holding their school fair – come join the fun!

- **When:** Saturday 1 April, from 12 – 5pm.
- **What's on offer:** delicious food, bar, rides, sports clinics, books, silent disco,
 - face painting, cakes, entertainment and a [raffle](#).
- **Tickets:** Pre-purchase [wristbands & fair tickets](#). These can also be purchased on fair day.
- **FYI:** The fair will be mostly cashless this year with EFTPOS facilities available.

A promotional poster for Thornbury High School's Open Night. The background shows a photograph of students in school uniforms sitting on a bench outside a building. The text is set against a dark blue background with a diagonal yellow and light blue stripe. The main title 'OPEN NIGHT' is in large white letters. Below it, the date 'WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH' is in yellow. A list of school features follows: 'Outstanding VCE results', 'Innovative, engaging curriculum', 'Renowned music program', and 'Wide-ranging sporting opportunities'. At the bottom, it says 'BOOK ONLINE THORBURYHS.VIC.EDU.AU' and 'SCHOOL TOURS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR'. Social media icons and the school logo are at the bottom right.

THORBURY HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH

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SCHOOL TOURS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

\$14.9M STEAM CENTRE OPENING TERM 2, 2023

ACHIEVING CONNECTING ENGAGING

FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA
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THORBURY

Parkside Junior Football Club FESTIVAL OF FEMALE FOOTY



WHEN: Sunday March 26
10am – 1130am
WHO: Girls from U10 – U16
(born 2007 - 2015)
WHERE: Pitcher Park, Alphington

WHATS ON

- VFLW Player Appearances
- Come and Try sessions
- Great Prizes
- Fun Footy Games
- Free Sausage Sizzle



- Meet Current Players and Coaches
- Footy Drills
- Footy Boot Swap
- Register for 2023

For more info – contact Matt:
girlscoaching@pjfc.com.au or scan the code



OPEN DAY | April 3



Experience
our innovative
and dynamic
learning
environment

Experience our innovative and dynamic learning environment in action at our year 7-10 **Fitzroy High School** campus and then walk with us through Edinburgh Gardens to the **Wurun Senior campus** for a tour and Q & A.

9.15-10.45am
TOUR 1
Fitzroy High School
7-10 and the **Wurun Senior Campus**

12-1.30pm
TOUR 2
Fitzroy High School
7-10 and the **Wurun Senior Campus**

6.30-7.30pm
Information evening at
Fitzroy High School
7-10 Campus
+ short twilight tour

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Princes Hill Secondary College

invites prospective Year 7, 2024 students and families to the

Information Evening

Date: **Tuesday 2nd May, 2023**

Session 1: 5:00pm- 6:00pm or
Session 2: 6:30pm-7:30pm

Venue: 47 Arnold St, Princes Hill.

All welcome!



NOTICE - ALLERGY - Please ensure all food is nut free



Monday 10 April

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

SERVICE CLOSED



Monday 17 April

CHALLENGE THE EDUCATORS

IN-SERVICE

Today it's your turn to be the educator! Put your educators through their paces with various challenges and activities. Let's get creative! Do you know our 5 senses? Can you dodge enough balls? Who can draw the best? Come and join the fun today!



Tuesday 11 April

AUTUMN FESTIVAL

IN-SERVICE

Today we're getting in the spirit of Autumn. Join your friends at OSHC for a fun festival to celebrate all things Autumn!

Play carnival games, make crystal Autumn leaves and warm your belly with apple turnovers!



Tuesday 18 April

MONSTER MASH

IN-SERVICE

It's a mash, it's a monster mash! Lets mash it up and create some mashed up monster crafts today.

Release your inner beast with monster stew, balloon squish monsters, and spooky sensory bags with slimy eyes.



Wednesday 12 April

GOTTA CATCH 'EM ALL!

IN-SERVICE

Charmander's are red. Squirtle's are blue. If you were a Pokémon, I'd choose you!

Hello Pokemon trainers! Today we collect Pokemon cards, battle it out, and catch some of our own Pokemon!



Wednesday 19 April

+ \$12.00

SPLASH FUN

INCURSION - SPLASHTIME FUN

Are you ready to run the water gauntlet, empty the bucket, try your luck at water pistol target and just get wet? If this sounds like you, then be sure to bring a change of clothes for some splash time fun!



Bring a change of clothes today

Thursday 13 April

+ \$15.00

MASTER BUILDERS

INCURSION - SELF GUIDED: BACK TO SCHOOL BUNDLE

Always be a class act with this super cool Back-To-School DIY colour in pencil case, and lunch box.



Thursday 20 April

SECRET SPY

IN-SERVICE

Gather up your spy glass and follow the clues to find the answer to the mysteries you will get to solve today!

Create your own spy badge, find clues to escape the room and write invisible messages to your co-agents.



Friday 14 April

+ \$43.00

READY, SET, ROLL

EXCURSION - RIVERSLIDE SKATE PARK AND ALEXANDRA GARDENS

Learn the skill of skateboarding at Riverside Skate Park. Top quality boards and Protection gear supplied. We will follow our lesson with a picnic lunch in Alexander gardens, please remember to pack your lunch today.



Arrive by 8.30am

Friday 21 April

LEST WE FORGET

IN-SERVICE

Let's join together to remember the spirit of ANZAC. Together we will celebrate courage, mateship and sacrifice, while connecting to the past.

Explore the history of ANZACs with poppies, classic ANZAC biscuits, and art work to commemorate the date.



Join us at the
Bunnings
Easter Bunny Hop

FREE

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A free family event with entertainment and D.I.Y.
Date: Thursday 30th of March 2023
Time: 6-8pm.

Activities and fun for the whole family
 Join us for a FREE family event with lots of entertainment for all, a KIDS Easter themed D.I.Y craft and FREE face painting.

Native Animals, Easter egg hunt, Free sausage sizzle, popcorn and LOTS more.....

Refer to your local store for details and book your spot using the QR Code above.

For more information contact us on 84812800 or visit www.bunnings.com.au/fairfield

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NORTHCOTE
HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN MORNING

THURSDAY 27th APRIL 2023
9.15am - 11.30am
 Come and see our school in action!

- Student-led tours
- Principal's presentation; 9.20am and 10.20am
- Information hub 11 am - 11.30am

6.20pm: Online presentation (repeat session from morning)

Bookings only required for Principal's presentation due to seating capacity.
[Click here to reserve your seat.](#)

BRINGING A LITTLE BIT OF COUNTRY TO THE CITY ...

ALPHINGTON SHOW

WIN PRIZES
all ages welcome

Show off your knitting, breadmaking, jamming, quilting, home grown eggs and vegetables, home grown flowers, floral arrangements, and more.

THIS FUN NEIGHBOURHOOD CELEBRATION OF THE DOMESTIC ARTS IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY

Alphington Community Centre
 2 Kelvin Road, Alphington

Our show is accompanied by a makers market, kids activities, BBQ, CWA devonshire tea and neighbourhood dog show!
 Find out more and register at www.alphington.org.au

A SHOW FOR EVERY PERSON AND THEIR DOG ...

ALPHINGTON DOG SHOW

SATURDAY 25 MARCH
STARTS 1PM

Only \$10 to enter 3 categories including best trick, barkiest dog, dog that looks most like its owner, most obedient dog, shaggiest dog, oldest dog etc.

Find out more at www.alphington.org.au

PART OF THE ALPHINGTON SHOW RUNNING FROM 11AM-2PM WITH ART/CRAFT EXHIBITION, MAKERS MARKET, KIDS ACTIVITIES, BBQ AND CWA DEVONSHIRE TEA.

Alphington Community Centre
 2 Kelvin Road, Alphington



HIP HOP, CHOIR & BALLET AT APS LUNCHTIMES

1:30 to 2:30pm, Performing Arts Room

Prep to 6 Choir: 1.30pm Mon
Prep to 2 Ballet: 1.30pm Tues (2 places av.)
Prep to 2 Hip hop: 1.30pm Fri (5 places av.)

or Join the 3.30pm walking bus for Grade 3 to 6 classes on
Mon, Wed, Thurs, Sat

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registered



YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE FOR 2024

Applications now open for 2025

To submit an application visit marcellin.vic.edu.au

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MARCELLIN COLLEGE

160 Bulleen Road, Bulleen VIC 3105



Parkside Junior Football Club

Thinking of playing footy this season? We are especially looking for U8s boys and U10 girls to fill our teams at Parkside. You can register on

PlayHQ <https://www.playhq.com/afl/org/parkside-junior-football-club/2c5866c5/register>



\$50 VOUCHER

- AWARD WINNING -
FOOTBALL PROGRAMS

Weekly Skills Programs
Elite Squad Training
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**JOIN YOUR LOCAL
HEAD COACH**

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**AT OUR NEXT
PROGRAM**



SSA MORE THAN SPORT



KAT AND GED'S BIG EASTER EGG HUNT



Join local MPs
Kat Theophanous
& Ged Kearney for
a morning of family
fun, friendly chats
and chocolate!

Gold coin
donation
to the
Royal Children's
Hospital
Good Friday
Appeal

All Nations
Park Playground
Northcote
2nd April 2023
11AM start

REGISTER HERE



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Gets things done.

GED
Together for better

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